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SPEECH

OF GEN. STEWART L. WOODFORD, OF NEW YORK, IN LAFAYETTE SQUARE, NEW ORLEANS, SATURDAY NIGHT, NOV. 29, 1879.

The Convincing Logic of a Statesman.

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS, READ AND PONDER.

MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN: I trust that in this audience there are many Democrats as well as Republicans. I would speak to Conservatives as well as Radicals.

Duty and honor require me

TO SPEAK PLAINLY,

so plainly that none may misunderstand my meaning.

I will try to talk to you just as I should if this audience were divided, and one half were the people of New Orleans and the other half my own neighbors of Brooklyn.

When the Confederacy grounded its arms at Appomatox, the great captain of the Union forces spoke in one sentence the will and wish of the North and the Nation when he said:

LET US HAVE PEACE.

I believe that he also spoke the prayer and purpose of the wisest and best men of the suffering South.

Whatever may have since been said or done, whatever prejudice may have prompted or passion wrought, I believe that all men of sense, all men willing to work and seeking to save, all men of faith and and all men of progress, this day "desire with a great desire" to have peace.

Not the peace born of mere sentimentality, that dies with the sparkle of the banquet's wine and fades with the festal flowers. But actual, deep, abiding peace, born of sober reason and strengthened by mutual needs, mutual dependence and mutual benefits.

For this, with united hearts through all the land, good men are praying. For this brave and wise men, North and South, are working with united will.

These prayers will be answered by benediction from on high. These efforts will be crowned with success. The day will surely dawn when the men of the South, kneeling among their dead, shall reverently thank God that he gave to the South defeat in battle, so that all the people of all the land might have fuller and richer blessings in peace.

If I did not thus believe, I should feel that our dead have died in vain.

If I did not thus believe, I should despair of the republic.

If I did not thus believe, I could not be here to plead with you for

PEACE AND NATIONALITY.

Bear with me in frank words, without mask or disguise. We shall know each other better, and like each other more heartily if we say to each other just what each means.

You fought with great courage. You were beaten without disgrace.

Had you succeeded, you must, by the logic of history and common sense, have only carved your way by successful swords to a gigantic failure.

Your proposed system of government was a "rope of sand." Your proposed partnership of States recognized no bond save local self-interest and was at the mercy of any of its members.

Weakened by slavery at home, you would have been at the mercy of domestic insurrection. Weakened by the acknowledged right of secession, you would have been powerless against a foreign foe.

Your system must have inevitably ended in petty, independent and warring States, or in consolidated empire.

Your wisest to-day see this. Your bravest make the admission. Fortunately for yourselves, fortunately for us, your defeat saved you from certain anarchy and military despotism. It saved to all of us our common Union, with all the blessings that constitutional free government should give.

You are not the citizens of emasculated States, helpless at home and powerless abroad. Nor are you the subjects of an empire. But you are equally with us the equal citizens of the one great and free republic. You should be equally with us the sharers in one common prosperity. Your children should be with ours the equal heirs of that heritage of power, of blessings and of pride which are the certain destiny of this Nation.

HOW SHALL THIS PEACE BE ASSURED?

Only by equal and exact justice by all, to all and for all. This will give it and nothing else will, or should, or can.

"First pure, then peaceable," was the injunction of the great apostle. First justice, then peace, is the essential condition of the prosperity of our people as one Nation.

When you come to the North to visit, to trade or to reside, you are absolutely entitled to an equal citizenship with us, unmolested by any, because of your political or religious opinions, or your past participation in the rebellion.

So spoke the leader of the hosts when lately in Chicago he greeted his comrades of the Army of the Tennessee.

He spoke in this once more the will and wish of the North.

This we recognize, not as a matter of generosity, but as your absolute constitutional right by virtue of your American citizenship.

Now, every right you have when coming to the North, we should have when coming to the South. No more, no less.

A Democrat comes from Mississippi to Louisiana to make his residence. You do not stigmatize him as a carpet-bagger. You do not deny him the privilege of voting the Democratic ticket. No business employment or social recognition is withheld because of his birthplace or his politics. This is as it should be.

A Democrat comes from Louisiana to New York to reside. We do not care about his birthplace or his politics. He goes to what church he will, or does not go at all. He votes with what party he will or does not vote at all. No bank or parlor is closed to him because of his birthplace or political belief. No lady dreams of thinking what are the politics of any gentleman when she invites guests to her house, or to what party her friend's husband belongs, when she makes up her visiting list.

We choose our clerks because of their fitness, and our friends because of their culture and congeniality.

Just such equality of privilege we expect and you should give when you come to live in any Southern State.

WE ARE ONE NATION

from the lakes to the gulf.

When I come to Louisiana I do not come on sufferance, but because it is my absolute right to be here as a citizen of our one republic.

LAWS SHOULD BE EQUAL,

and so long as I obey the equal law I am entitled to fulfill the responsibilities and discharge the duties of my citizenship according to my own conscience, free from molestation and unawed by any form of physical intimidation or social intolerance.

The first condition of a

PERFECT RECONCILIATION

and of an abiding friendship is simple justice.

The first condition of justice is simple toleration by all of the rights of each.

The manhood of the white Republicans of the North will not and cannot accept less.

If we granted less to you, you would justly say we were ungenerous in our victory.

If we asked less, you would despise us in your hearts.

What I have said may seem to touch most closely your dealing with Northern white Republicans.

I wish to speak as frankly about the treatment and rights of Southern Republicans, both white and black.

When you have been beaten in fair fight, we gave you back your property forfeited by law of war and your citizenship forfeited by your own voluntary rebellion.

Did we not?

What acre of your broad plantations has been confiscated by any procedings taken since peace came?

What man among you is denied the privilege of voting a Democratic ticket because of any word spoken or shot fired in aid of the Confederacy?

Look this thing squarely in the face and answer me frankly.

Reverse the picture and answer me another question as frankly.

Do you deal with the Southern white Republicans and negro Republicans, as fairly and as generously as we have dealt by you?

Look into your own consciences and answer for yourselves.

No man has been shot by the National government since the war ended for having tried by force of arms to take the Nation's life.

Has no man been shot in Louisiana since the war ended, for having simply tried to vote a Republican ticket?

Look into your own consciences and answer for yourselves.

I come not here to arraign or upbraid.

You shall sit in judgment on yourselves.

No angry words of mine can recall the past or bring the dead to life.

But brave and loving and tolerant words and deeds and votes by you can bury that past forever.

Give us a fair vote now. Let it only be as safe and as honorable for a man to be a Republican now in Louisiana as it is to have been a Confederate, and flowers of friendship shall grow above the graves of the past and harvests of plenty and prosperity shall wave above our common dead.

Men of Louisiana, I put it to your manhood, can the North ask less?

Can the nation ask or be satisfied with less?

We have freely forgiven you who fought against us.

If we were not as resolutely true to those whom we freed or who have become our allies in political effort, would you not despise us?

Would we not despise ourselves?

THERE IS A SIMPLE PATHWAY

out from all this bitterness.

There is no need that we should wander forty years in this wilderness of passion and of hate. There is no need that all should die who left Egypt before we enter Canaan.

Are you willing to turn your back on the past and simply give every legal voter in Louisiana the right to vote once, and then have his vote honestly counted?

In one word, our country will have no more midnight whippings, no more White Leaguers, no more tissue ballots inside the ballot box, no more shot-guns in politics.

Give us only this—a free vote and an honest count—and the cry of sectionalism will forever cease in our Northern politics.

Deny us this, and the North will grow each year more and more solid, by ever increasing and more resolute majorities.

We can ask no less.

We will ask no more.

Having thus frankly told you how and how alone, perfect reconciliation and cordial friendship can come and abide, let me turn to practical

DISCUSSION OF PRESENT POLITICS.

Thus far I have spoken as citizen and not as partisan. For in all that I have said good men of all parties have equal interest.

Fair elections are the corner stone of free government.

An honest, patriotic Democrat has the same interest in this with an honest, patriotic Republican.

We ought not to divide on this. But with equal zeal and resolution all good men should insist that

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP SHALL PROTECT

an American ballot on every foot of the great republic.

But I also come to you as a Republican who believes that the triumph of the Republican party and the ascendancy of Republican principles are best for the Nation as a whole, and for all the people and all the States.

I wish to try and win you to my way of thinking.

Kindly give me patient hearing.

There are about two great parties to-day asking your suffrage. There will be but two of practical account in the coming presidential struggle.

These are the Democratic and the Republican parties.

Some of you call yourselves Conservatives. But you are only Brevet-Democrats. You are, whether you will or no, only the tender carrying wood and water for a Democratic engine that drags a Democratic train.

WHAT GOOD FROM THE DEMOCRACY.

Now, my Conservative friends, what good have you or your beloved South ever got from the Democratic party?

Take down your political day-books and ledgers, and go to figuring. Let me help you make up your balance sheets.

You started in 1852 with the presidency, the supreme court and both branches of congress. You were entrenched in every department of the government. The Nation was at peace. Your States were rich, and your white people were prosperous and happy.

You and Democracy have had your own say down South here most of the time since then.

You have had a war, with all the horror and suffering and loss that war brings. Your best and bravest are gone. Your then slaves are now your fellow-citizens.

DEMOCRACY A CONSTANT FAILURE.

Pardon my speaking very plainly, but I cannot for my life see what good Democracy has intentionally done you.

Whatever it has sought for has been defeated. Whatever it has opposed has at the last triumphed. Where it has sought to build it has only torn down. Where it has tried to tear down, it has only built up.

Sometimes for a little season it has seemed to succeed. But that its apparent and temporary successes have been final and terrible failures you and I to-day clearly see, and you to-day admit.

That its failures will at the last prove your great good I believe, and you will soon confess.

But Democracy does not deserve the credit.

Are you satisfied with the balance sheet.

WHY CONTINUE THE PARTNERSHIP?

If you are not content, and I know that as intelligent men you cannot be, pray tell me why do you remain in the partnership?

The surrender of their conscience and brain, by your Northern allies before the war, tempted you into rebellion.

The unfortunate sympathy of many of their number during the war tempted you to continue the useless struggle long after your own common sense had told you that the war was fought out?

The cowardly resolution of the northern Democracy at Chicago in 1864, which proclaimed that the war for the preservation of the Union was a failure, cost you and us almost every life sacrificed in useless struggle after that convention had adjourned. You know this as well as we do.

Next the assurance of help by Northern Democrats, which they were powerless to give, led you to reject our proffered terms of reconstruction when the war of arms had ended only that you might be compelled to accept harder terms afterwards.

And when at last you had both houses of congress again within your grasp and only the presidency stood between you and the entire government of the Nation, the folly and greed of Democracy dashed the cup from your expectant lips and broke the sceptre you hoped to grasp.

Democracy has been your "will-o-the-wisp," leading you into all possible bogs and swamps, and you have been the willing, the hopeful, the fooled followers.

You are up to your arm-pits now in the mire of defeat and disappointment.

Why will you follow illusive hopes and flounder any longer?

I put it to you as wise men, why should you?

I have tried to show you by your own bitter experiences that Democracy has been a foolish counsellor, a false friend and a sure delusion in the past.

Let me as directly ask another question, and I want you to answer as squarely.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM DEMOCRACY IN THE FUTURE?

You say, in reply: Home rule and Democratic ascendancy in the government of the nation.

HOME RULE.

First, as to home rule:

If you mean by that the rule of Louisiana by the votes of a minority against the protest of a majority coerced by force or cheated by fraud, then you strike at the roots of all free government. You justify and necessitate, and will inevitably accomplish the permanent political solidity of the North.

If you mean that all Louisiana men, who, by the constitutional amendments, are legal voters, shall each vote once, and that all votes shall be fairly counted and the result honestly declared, then we Republicans of the North and the Nation believe in home rule equally with you.

We will go as far as you in sustaining it, and protecting you in its exercise and enjoyment.

DEMOCRATIC ASCENDANCY.

Second as to Democratic ascendancy in the government of the Nation.

You based your hope, and your Northern Democratic allies based their scheme, upon a solid South plus New York and Indiana.

The arithmetic of your problem was simple.

You and they said there are 369 electoral votes—185 are needed for a choice. The Solid South gives 138. Only forty-seven more are

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The Louisianian.

T. De S. TUCKER, Editor.

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Louisiana must never be suffered to pass over to Republicanism and prosperity even if every laborer has to leave the State.

The planters of Louisiana will not be threatened with Kansas next Spring. The exodists will not have the time to stop long enough to say anything about it.

In some heavy Republican parishes the voters were not annoyed to do the voting at all. The Democratic commissioners saved them that trouble by voting the poll list solid.

If any man dare say the Democrats cheated in any country parish in the election, let him remember that political parties, like indiduals, have characters of which they are very tender.

Our fair election of last Tuesday will induce thousands of colored men next year to generously abandon the State to give way to other people who want to enjoy a little of this sort of fairness.

If the Louisiana wing of the Solid South knows itself, it is that the North may rave and rant about doing justice to the Negro as a voter, it can not quite see the sense of this sentiment concerning the "man and brother."

Now that the rascally Republicans have cheated the innocent Democrats out of their fair majorities in the sugar parishes, it is in order for our Congressmen, and the Ouachita plan, offspring of the Mississippi monster, to yell out lustily for the purity of elections.

On our first page will be found the speech of Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, of New York, delivered in Lafayette Square, reproduced almost entire. The views of Mr. Woodford are well worthy of the serious consideration of every Southern man, even though a Democrat, who cares for his country first, and his party last. Mr. Woodford's reasoning is cogent, concise, dispassionate and the conclusion therefrom irresistible. If the people of this section can once get to think, reflect and meditate on just such facts and ideas as are presented them by Gen. Woodford, it would not be many years before the South would be at the begining of the end of the long night of her capativity to the abominable heresies of the Democratic party. As it is, the South must and will have to give way, no ifs and ands about it. Inferior in every material resource to the great North and West, she is bound, despite herself, to jump into the car of progress or be crushed to death, ere many more years shall have rolled over her career. We are under obligations to Gen. Woodford for copies of other speeches delivered by him at other places outside of New Orleans.

Chew Jackson's best Sweet Navy Tobacco.

The Farce.

It is over; the agony is ended, and we breathe with a sigh of relief that it is gone from our gaze forever! As an amusement it is too fatal in its consequences to be endured with any degree of safety. The Republican party has experienced this fact in the past; in all human probability, it may yet again be called on to see the farce re-enacted in other days to come. But though a necessary incident in our representative form of government, it is never desirable as a source of political inspiration for the government of our State. Yes, the semblance of an election was complied with on the second of December, and returns of the same are coming in as it suits the Democratic party. By the grace of the Democratic managers and previously prepared figures, the Democratic majority is just as they will it, while heavy Republican parishes which always roll up their thousands have by a kaleidscopic sort of shuffle turned up this time to the credit side of the Democratic ticket. New Orleans Democracy having danced quite lamely to the music of the Democratic whip, the country sends up a rip-roaring majority from the Negro parishes ever faithful to Democratic supremacy under the gentle persuasion of arguments which simpletons in Northern latitudes are disposed to term intimidation and bull-dozing. Yes, "by an overwhelming and *undermining* majority," Democracy is still on deck. The thing has been neatly done, and we rather admire the manner in which it has been effected. Things done by halves always carry the imputation of cowardice somewhere. If robbed we have been, and if robbed we must be, we are pleased to know that we have been completely stripped by the highwaymen who, under the guise of law and party, have virtually told the Republicans of this State that vote as solidly and freely as they may, it's the same in the result as if they had by those votes intended to pass an opinion on the despotic government of the Czar of Russia. Well, every dog has his day; Democracy must spend its force some day or other. If the property-holders of Louisiana and all interested in a government founded on the consent of the governed can tolerate the farce of Tuesday last *we* can, and we fervently hope that Louisiana may not soon be, aye, be never called on to repent the farce *alias* the election of Tuesday last.

Exodus Indications.

Under the above caption the *Democrat* of yesterday contains a disingenuous editorial on the remarkable change in the conduct of our people relative to their earnings for the past year.

From all directions the pleasing information comes that in marked contrast to former years they are saving their money and buying no more than is absolutely necessary for their present wants.

Their prudence is interpreted by the *Democrat* to mean a "settled determination on the part of the Negroes to emigrate to Kansas during the winter or early in the spring," and it declares that—

"No reasons are assigned; we cannot hear that the colored people complain of any specific injury, either in a financial or a political direction; they simply want to go.

They certainly cannot be influenced by dissatisfaction of a pecuniary kind, for the season has been especially favorable to Louisiana, and the planters are able to meet all their engagements in full. Quite as certainly, it cannot be that they are fleeing from personal or political persecution, for the history of the year has not been marred by a single outbreak or collision between the races. Profound peace prevails everywhere, and the richest recompense has rewarded the farmer's toil.

There is absolutely nothing in the constition or in the white people's programme to give them cause for uneasiness. In both instances the spirit shown toward the colored people is most friendly and considerate. We are left to conclude that this exodus fever prevails and is fed by material of which we have no knowledge—the wiles of false advertisers, or, perchance, one of those restless and nomadic impulses which, since the beginning of the world, have been wont to enter into races and to waft them hither and thither upon their capricious and mysterious wings."

We are compelled to admire the blissful ignorance of our able contemporary when it can put forth such stuff as the above.

Narrow indeed must be its channels of information if it has not heard of the "specific injury" inflicted upon our poor and defenseless people all over North Louisiana; the murders and outrages perpetrated upon them to suppress their manhood and destroy their voting power.

Lamentable indeed must be its ignorance, if it is not aware of the peculiar methods employed to *return* parishes like Caddo, Ouchita, Tensas and Madison overwhelmingly Democratic. While we write, the information comes to us that in Madison parish Dave Armstrong, a colored man and President of the Republican Club at Milliken's Bend, was ruthlessly murdered; Capt. R. H. Brown, a colored man and justice of the peace, at Tallulah was murdered, his head cut off and body thrown in the bayou; Capt. H. W. Peck whipped and stretched at Omega, and every leading colored Republican was forced to leave the parish before the day of election, and yet the *Democrat* has the audacity to say the colored people are not "fleeing from political persecution."

A general system of terrorism procured by a few hundred murders of colored men, playfully indulged in by leading Democrats to increase their majorities in parishes where our people are in a large majority, may not in the estimate of a Democratic editor furnish sufficient reasons for disquiet and grave apprehensions for their future by the colored people of North Louisiana, but in our humble judgment it ought to depopulate that entire section of colored inhabitants, *and we trust it will.*

The Louisianian, regarding the South as the natural home of the masses of our race, and knowing that they are better adapted to the cultivation of its soil and rich products than they possibly could be of Northern lands for some years to come, and cherishing the hope that a just public sentiment would, upon the assumption of power by the whites, assert itself and protect them in their rights as citizens, has persistently and consistently opposed indiscriminate emigration on their part, but with the facts of the glaring outrages perpetrated upon the colored masses in the pretended election of last Tuesday before us, we change front, and now unhesitatingly declare that there is no longer room to hope for any future for the race in that section of the State, and the sooner they leave it *en masse* the better it will be for them.

Vain Appeal.

For years the so called Conservatives of Louisiana have asked of the Republicans a ticket which they could with taste from their political standpoint support. Recognizing this oft expressed wish, in view of the distasteful ticket nominated by the Democrats; in view of the necessity of having a State government which should harmonize all elements, and give assurance of safety to our disturbed labor population, the Republicans placed before the voters of the State a ticket in its entire *personnel* as capable and conservative as could be reasonably asked for in any State of this Union. The Republicans eschewed all the prejudices and traditions of the past; they considered no sacrifice too great of their life long leaders, they regarded no theories too dearly interwoven with their principles, short of honor, to have candidates available. What is the response to this uncommonly excellent and unprecedented ticket? The Democratic journals have, throughout the campaign, twitted us with hypocrisy in the nomination of these gentlemen. The voters of that party have re-echoed the sentiment and confirmed it at the polls. All this was in the natural course of politics to have been expected, however violently opposed it may be to sense and reason. But when in addition thereto certain large Republican parishes which have never yet failed to return immense majorities for their party, are raided with the hangman's halter, the bull whip and the shot-gun, their voices stifled and falsified by Democratic majorities, the best natured soul must admit that the political millennium of Louisiana is not yet at hand. The "On to Kansas" or to anywhere else is the motto which will stand for a time to come in bas relief, confronting the gaze of the colored man till he packs up his carpet sack and starts for the Northland. Wrong, in politics, as in other spheres of human activity, may perhaps right itself; but the mass of men are not philosophers; hence we take it for granted the dire consequences of this so called election will at the furthest come to the surface by next Spring.

An Uncertain Guide.

Old age is either the essence of wisdom, or it is intolerable nonsense. Newspapers, like men, are equally subject to this observation. In age the *Picayune* takes precedence of our city dailies. At times it as sound in counsel as it may be honest in conviction, while at other times it is as vapid in sentiment as its views betray the stealthy approach of dotage. To-day wise, cautious and conservative, on the morrow the *Pic.* is as likely to be foolish, rash and destructive. Its virtues are as jerky and periodic as the coming Magdalen who is on the turning line between the realms of complete reformation and an occasional relapse into the pleasures of the town. The *Picayune* fulminates with all the vehemence of a son of the holy cloth from the pulpit against the vices of machine politics and machine nominations. Next it complacently swallows the "expressed wish of the party" with a grace and unction which reminds one of the idea conveyed in a couplet which reads something like this:

"When the devil was sick, a monk was he,
When the devil was well, a monk would be."

A distinguished citizen of New York visits us and, in a kind, but bold, manly way gives the people of Louisiana advice which every citizen who would, for the time being, divest himself of the partisan, recognizes as acceptable and adapted to our condition. Straightway the *Pic.*, in less sense but more sickening garrulity, tells Gen. Woodford that it is wrong and unkindly false of him to say that the Democrats of Louisiana ever indulge in the little pleasantries of carrying elections by not only doubtful, but very bloody methods; that the South is as great to-day in her blighted hopes, ruined homes and decayed fortunes while wearing the servile chains clapped on her limbs by the Northern Democracy as the North is rich and powerful under Republican sway.

Just now the *Pic.* is not in love with Grant. We will not be among the surprised next year, if it does not outdo the stalwart journals of the upper latitudes in fulsome praise of the great Captain. Truly, the *Pic.* is not a guide that is very likely to keep you out of the ditch.

Personals.

—Mr. Charles H. Merritt is in the city.

—Gov. Kellogg and Senator Cameron left Thursday evening for Washington.

—Mr. Clinton Samuels led Miss Lucas Sterret to the altar Thursday evening at the Free Mission Baptist Church on Common street.

—Gov. Pinchback leaves Tuesday evening for Washington to attend the meeting of the National Republiban Executive Committee.

Yazoo, Miss., is inviting immigration. Run short of killing material, perhaps.—Baton Rouge Herald.

ARKANSAS.

Pine Bluff, Ark.,
Nov. 27, 1879.

Editor Louisianian:

This is Thanksgiving Day in our State, thanks to the edicts of President Hayes and Gov. Miller, and your humble servant has been honored with an invitation to discuss a fat turkey in company with a real live bishop and several other distinguished individuals. I hope that "your honor" and the corps of the Louisianian are equally well provided with facilities for spending the day in due form, and hereby extend to the whole mob the compliments of the season. (That word mob is a *lapsus linguae*—scratch it out.)

THE BISHOP

in question is Rt. Rev. Singleton T. Jones, of the Zion A. M. E. Church, who has been in our city for several days, this being his first visit to these parts. He is a jolly-looking, pleasant-faced and well preserved elderly gentleman, considerably sun-burnt, and of dignified appearance. He preached in our best hall on Sunday and lots of the "white folks," as well as the colored brethren and sisters, were present. To my inexpressible delight, I found that grammar was neither of the lost nor of the not-found arts to him, but that he spoke the good old mother tongue with purity, elegance and force. His sermon was a model of systematic arrangement, close reasoning and apt expression and the aforesaid "white folks" seemed to be charmed and gave the closest attention all the way through. It was really consoling to think that the D. D. attached to his name was not a huge burlesque. Whether or not the portly bishop has the usual gifts of the men in his profession when in the presence of a first-class Arkansas thanksgiving turkey, deponent as yet, sayeth not, but if he handles the knife and fork as effectively as he did his text, it were better for that turkey that it had "scooted" to Kansas long ago.

EDUCATIONAL.

As the foregoing refers to the moral and physical, a word respecting the intellectual will make this quite a complete epistle. After leaving our city, State Superintendent Denton and Prof. Ladd (not Ludd, as that diabolical compositor had it in my last letter) proceeded to Helena. The Institute there, judging from a three-column report in the Helena *World* (Dem.), was a grand success, and I am glad to observe the fact that my old friend, Prof. Geo. H. W. Stewart, was one of the leading spirits in the meeting. Prof. Stewart is one of us (son of Ham?)—is also principal of the colored public school of Helena, and an accomplished musician. As will be seen, he *played* his part, somewhat promiscuously but always creditably. First, he was secretary of the Institute; second, as per *World's* report:

"The Quintette Club, composed of Geo H. W. Stewart, Mrs. M. A. White, Miss Pinkie Clark, Miss Frances Anderson and Mr. Simon, rendered a song.

After prayer, the Supt. announced a lecture on arithmetic by Geo. H. W. Stewart, which was delivered in a very satisfactory manner.

Music being in order, a quartette consisting of Mrs. J. T. White, soprano, Miss Frances Anderson, alto; Mr. G. H. W. Stewart, tenor, and Mr. S. Walker, bass, sang "Come Unto Me," with beautiful effect. Many plaudits were showered upon them for the admirable rendition of this delightful piece.

Mrs. White sang with a depth of feeling and tenderness truly inspiring. Her sombre quality of tone tinged with a coloring of divine expression reached the hearts of her audience. Miss Anderson's alto was excellent, clear; and exquisite light and shade which her voice is so capable of giving, struck chord in the sympathies of her hearers which gave delight.

Mr. Stewart sang tenor with his usual accuracy and correctness of expression.

The Supt. then announced that resolutions were in order: whereupon Geo. H. W. Stewart arose and offered the following resolutions which, on motion, were unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

Whereas, A Normal Institute has been held here for the last three days, the grand objects of which have been to encourage teachers in their work, and to open up a broader field of professional investigation, and to awaken a new interest among the people in regard to popular education, and to give additional impulse to the progress of public schools in the State; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the District Normal Institute in session assembled, that we extend to the Hon. Jas. L. Denton, State Supt. of Public Instruction, our hearty thanks, unqualified esteem, and earnest congratulations for the excellent judgment he has exercised in appointing the Institute to be held in this city; and we also wish to congratulate him for the kind and able manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Body, and for the uniform courtesies that he has extended to us during our pleasant reunion. Be it further

Resolved, That we desire to extend to Dr. Barnas Sears, Agent of the Peabody Fund, our deep gratitude and high appreciation for his magnificent generosity in securing the services of Prof. Ladd to lecture for us; also, our earnest thanks to Prof. Ladd, who at once endeared himself to us by his christian dignity and manly bearing as a high-toned gentleman, thorough teacher, profound scholar and eminent lecturer."

It will be seen from these extracts that the colored teachers did not pursue their usual back-seat policy, but went in and showed up what was in them. I greatly admire their pluck and wish to impress upon other teachers the maxim, "Go and do thou likewise." We have a good deal of native talent that never reaches the surface, and a good deal of cheek and presumption among us that is always on hand and is generally accepted as our best production. Such a policy answered at one stage of the game, but "dem time all done," as the old song has it.

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By the way, do you know that you have in your city a quiet, unassuming gentleman who is doing a great deal to demolish the time-honored theory that colored men could make good progress in studies that require only memory and drill, but could not make progress in the higher branches that require analytical power? Well, it is a fact, and the gentleman in question is Prof. E. J. Edmunds Prof. Edmunds is a first-class mathematician, so recognized by the experts—the teachers and professors of the science, and his problems and solutions in the various educational journals show that idea that a colored man cannot distinguish himself in the higher mathematics is all bosh. Alas, that the intelligence of the country should have to admit that a Negro can be proficient in analytics and calculus! The times are out of joint.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 1879.

A united Republican vote in the fourth ward has elected a Republican representative to the Legislature. So much for unanimity.

The excitement of the campaign is over, and our people will settle down to an agreeable exchange of politics for the more enjoyable social reunions.

E. J. Holmes, Esq., left the city on last Thursday evening for Philadelphia. He goes to attend the assemblage, we understand, of the Sub-Committee of Management G. U. O. O. F.

The Louisiana Democracy should be exceedingly happy. Having failed to capture their political Holland—New Orleans—by the usual majority, they have, by a fortunate hocus-pocus, produced by a sly fellow called Fraud, secured great gains in Republican parishes.

It is rumored that the Orphan's Aid Association will at an early day give a grand ball. The history of this association has been one that in all of its endeavors has reflected credit upon the race. The announcement of the date of the contemplated entertainement is looked forward to with much anxiety.

It is strange that Republicans who hardly stay in the State long enough at one time to vote at important elections, at all times seek, and often receive a large slice of the fatted calf, to the exclusion of more active and influential Republicans, who always vote in this State. Now comes the Surveyor's office with W. R. Fish in the lead as a candidate.

To-night the Young Men's Christian Association give an entertainment for the benefit of their organization, at the Union Chapel, M. E. Church, on Bienville bet. Villery and Marais Sts. Admission 25 cts. This body of young men is organized for a very laudable purpose, the moral and intellectual advancement of the younger element of society. Such association should be encouraged in a practical way by our people. So go to-night and help them.

It is rumored that one of our prominent colored social organizations will in a body take part in the approaching Mardi Gras Carnival. Such a movement on the part of our colored association is one in the right direction. The representations in the past on any organized scale have been completed in the hands of the whites, and any action of the kind referred to would do much to demonstrate in anything tending to improve the material interests of our city and State.

We acknowledge the receipt of complimentary tickets to attend to-night at the Violet Hall a dancing festival by a committee of ladies over which Mrs. J. Henri Burch is Chair Lady, for the benefit of the Constantine Commandery K. T. Dancing for the little ones from 5 P. M. until 9. Dancing for ladies and gents, commencing at 9 and lasting until the wee sma' hours.

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BASTROP, LA., Nov. 23rd, 1879.

T. DE S. TUCKER, ESQ.

DEAR SIR:—Your welcome letter was received the 12th inst., containing such information as I was happy to learn. Your identity with the LOUISIANIAN, (for which I enclose you a post office order for $2 as a subscription for it, for one year) will no doubt accrue to it a better appreciation. I have not as yet obtained any subscribers, from the fact I have not tried. But be assured I shall make some effort shortly.

When I look abroad and see the devastation caused by high waters, and the destruction by famines, and then behold what excellent crops we are making and the fine weather we have had for gathering them, I am forced to ask myself—why is this? That God should rain a blight on some of his children, and on others pour in abundance. Does it mean that our attention should be more diverted from politics and turned to husbandry, or does it mean for my people that more shall be given them for the Exodus?

Never before since freedom have the people worked better. What is more striking, they are less disposed to spend their money.

A merchant said to me the other day that he never saw the colored people working better and less disposed to spend their money. Every dime is sunk, except for what they stand in actual need. It is generally believed that there is something more than a notion behind all of this, but no man ventures to say positively. A good deal of conjecturing is done. There is, no doubt, something on foot among the laborers. So great is the interest that one man will not tell even his best friend what he intends to do; fearing something may intervene, he makes a secret of it to himself. The only clue upon which we can fall is by the innuendoes that are used; from certain facts we are allowed to draw conclusions, and thus we believe there is a general exodus on foot.

The country is stocked with money, never have I seen it flowing so freely here.

The old way of paying a man for his labor was to poke an order at him, which he carried to some store and had to take it up in merchandise, on which the merchant placed the most extortionate prices. But now, it seems this method has almost entirely died out. The land proprietors have for once considered that this manner of paying would not do and have finally decided to pay him, the colored man, cash for his services, which, let me say here, is lifting indeed. No antagonism is now manifested towards the employer about orders, but on he other hand everything works more harmoniously and the most pleasant feeling at present prevails

I have spoken at least I believe of the majority, now, for the minority, which are earnestly as a class accumulating homes but improving very slowly their mental and moral status. With no exodus fever—they are buying fine buggies, horses and mules, and are playing the gentleman, wearing finer clothes than ever I have heretofore seen them wear. Politics runs low here now. It is a rare thing to hear a man talking politics. So low is it that even some of the stalwart whites heretofore are giving it the cold shoulder by attending to their husbandry. When Gov. W. and party were here they scarcely had an audience. It was the same way with Congressman King here on the 22 inst.

I delivered your message to old lady Hope who was as proud as a frisky hen to hear from you. She told me particularly to tell you that she wanted to see you one more time this side the grave. She told me some names who send their love to you. They are so many I will cut it short by saying all in Uncle Hope's neighborhood. Annie, that little girl of Uncle Hope's, who is now almost a young lady, requested so earnestly to be remembered that I cannot omit her.

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needed. New York gives thirty-five, and Indiana fifteen. Here are the full number and a spare.

Then you were assured by your Democratic allies from the North that if you and they could repeal the federal election laws, they could steal the vote of New York in 1880 just as they stole it in 1868.

They and you believed they had Indiana in any event. They promised you New York.

These were all the votes you and they needed. And so you were fooled and seduced into the madness and folly of the extra session.

Well, what was the result?

You simply made the North solid. There it stands as Thomas stood at Chickamauga.

The waves may beat against this rock. But there it is fixed, firm immovable. You are already beaten in the presidential election of 1880.

Remember and ponder what I say to-night. I am talking, if I know my heart, not in the heat of partisanship, but in the sober earnestness of one who earnestly prays and, according to his best light, works for

THE FINAL ENDING OF SECTIONALISM

in our politics.

Every Northern State will vote for the Republican presidential candidate in 1880.

Whoever tells you differently, deceives you through ignorance or self-blinding ambition.

When that shall have occurred, your Solid South must and will

BREAK, AND BREAK FOREVER.

You fight against National law and your own pledged honor when you keep your South solid by the methods you have thus far used.

You fight against common sense when you dream that you can hold your section united with a hand of iron and then coax us into division with sweet words and peaceful assurances.

You fight against history. You fight against the forces of production, trade and development.

The disparity in votes between the sections is already great. The next census will surely make it greater.

Every five years we build a State in the great West and Northwest.

Why maintain useless, hopeless, needless strife?

We want to be one with you.

Why will you not be one with us?

If, then, your past alliance with Democracy has only done you hurt, and that continually; if your present alliance with Democracy is hopeless, profitless, fruitless, why should you not cast in your lot and fortunes with us?

WHY NOT BECOME REPUBLICANS?

In a word, why should you not become Republicans?

I believe that you may do this without dishonor, and with entire fidelity to the purposes which must have actuated honorable men when they surrendered the Lost Cause at Appomatox.

REPUBLICANISM IS NATIONAL.

The Republican party is a National party.

DEMOCRACY IS SECTIONAL.

The Democratic party is not in any true, broad sense National, but is forevoer trying to dwarf, to emasculate and to fetter the Nation's powers, the Nation's growth and the Nation's development.

When you surrendered at Appomatox you gave up more than your arms and flags, or else you had no soldierly right to give them up.

From the beginning two opposite and irreconciliable ideas had fought for the control of the government and the construction of the constitution.

Your fathers and you had said that we were

ONLY A CONFEDERACY OF STATES.

Our fathers and we had said that this is a Nation with all the pawers, rights and responsibilities of a Nation, and subject only to the clearly defined limitations of the Federal constitution.

Calhoun championed your theory. Webster and Jackson enforced ours.

Your theory led inevitably to secession. Ours developed into the fixed and unalterable resolution to keep and hold the unity and Nationality of the republic, cost what it might in treasure or in blood.

Secession culminated in war. It could end in nothing else.

From congress and the civil courts, the discussion was transferred to the last and highest court among nations and men, the terrible tribunal of battle.

You took your chances. So did we.

The decision has been against you. When you surrendered at Appomatox your surrender meant, if it meant anything, that you gave up not merely the struggle, but the cause and idea for which you had fought so long, so bravely and so unsuccessfully.

If the war settled anything it settled that we are, and are to continue, a Nation.

This being so, what dishonor is there to any true, brave soldier of the Confederacy in accepting the result?

What cowardice, what dishonor, is there in any man among you acting heartily, bravely, loyally, with the Republican party, which is to-day the party of the Nationality of the republic?

Because I appreciate this courage and manliness in Judge Beattie, once a brave soldier of the Confederacy, now a loyal citizen of the

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Because the negro is, by law, entitled to vote, therefore by force of law he should, if necessary be allowed to vote.

Because he can vote, some time by force of local divisions in your politics, if for no higher motive, he will vote.

Because he can to-day legally vote, because to-morrow he will certainly vote, therefore you *must* educate him to a comprehension of the duties as well as the rights of suffrage.

Because of these things there must and will come a day when

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You have the negro here. He is by law both citizen and voter. You are locked up to three methods of dealing with him as citizen and voter.

You can treat him as animal and coward and coerce him with shotgun and bludgeon.

This will make him animal and coward. Such result will degrade you as well as him and curse your State even worse than it curses him.

You can treat him as an idiot and cheat him by the tissue ballot. You will only educate his cunning and his malice, and debauch your own manhood and destroy all possible purity in your politics.

Or you can treat him as he is by law and nature, as citizen and man.

Thus you will enable his manhood and fit him for citizenship.

This you will do promptly if you are wise. This you must do at the last, whether you will or no.

The shotgun must forever go out of our politics. The schoolhouse must come in.

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